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For: A Method for Coating a Surface  
of a Continuous Web with a  
Coating Powder

Examiner: K. Kruer

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Dear Sir:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required with respect to this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2663.

In response to the Office action dated June 27, 2007, applicant elects the claims of Group I, claims 20-43 with traverse. Applicant traverses the examiner's requirement for restriction because the examiner bases the restriction on a Japanese reference 55016938A stating "*teaches a paper coated with a coating comprising an inorganic filler and organic binder in the claimed amounts*". However, the examiner has not explained how *JP 55016938A* discloses and enables a paper substrate and a coating comprising 70-99wt% inorganic material and 1-30wt% polymeric binder material. A suggestion to try a very large range of possibilities does not make every such possibility obvious, and so cannot be said to teach every possibility within a broad range.

Applicant submits that the claims, are in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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